REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the above-identified application.

The claims of the present application have been subjected to a Restriction Requirement as follows:

Group I   --   claims 1-9 and 12 directed to a conductive elastomer; and

Group II   --   claims 10 and 11 directed to a roller formed of the conductive elastomer recited in claim 1.

Election

Applicants respectfully elect the subject matter of Group I, i.e. claims 1-9 and 12. This election is made with a traversal based on the reasons stated below.

Reasons for Traversal

The above-noted Restriction Requirement is respectfully traversed. It is submitted that the subject matter of elected Group I is related to the subject matter of non-elected Group II (i.e. claims 10 and 11) such that there is no undue burden placed on the Examiner to examine the subject matter of Group II. Note that claims 10 and 11 merely recite that the conductive elastomer composition recited in claim 1 is in the form of a roller, such that it would be expected that the Examiner would be required to search in this use area in connection with the conductive elastomer subject matter of Group I. Consequently, it is requested that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn.

If any questions arise in the above matters, please contact Applicant's representative, Andrew D. Meikle (Reg. No. 32,868), in the Washington Metropolitan Area at the phone number listed below.
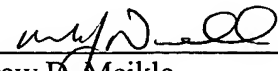
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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